

# **History of the Liahonian Club**

## **1850-1950 Lehi Centennial History**

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The Liahonian Club was organized as a junior club by the Auctus Club and had its first meeting February 10, 1943, with the following charter members: Arlene Adamson, Arva Bone, Elvera Dansie, Beth Eason, Dorothy Evans, Barton Haslam, Fay Hayward, Annie Libbert, Zada Phillips, Maxine Powell, Phyllis Preston, Utella Taft, Vera Trane, Alta Wanlass, Karma Whimpey and Nola Wright. In 1945, it affiliated with the National Federation of Women's Clubs.

The name chosen for this club, Liahonian means "a guide to a more cultured life through a better understanding of the fine arts.". From the very beginning the lives of the members have been enriched by the delightful evenings of book reviews, plays, musical selections, travelogues, lectures, etc. presented by the members themselves as well as by other talented people.

In addition to their regular club activities, the members have readily responded to assisting in civic projects and state and national drives. During the three years following the war the club members sent over 250 food and clothing packages to destitute families in Europe.

In 1945, the members chose as a club project the beautification of the Lehi Cemetery entrance. Because of magnitude of this undertaking the other federated Women's clubs of Lehi were invited to participate with the Liahonian Club in this activity, and together they raised money to carry on this project by sponsoring various entertainments. It was largely through the efforts and enthusiasm of these women that the beautification of the entire cemetery that now become a city-wide project with all the civic groups cooperating with the city in the undertaking.

In the spring of 1949, the club sponsored a junior club which became fully

organized in May of that year and became known as the Serimpian Club.

To encourage musical talent of the young people, beginning in 1950 a yearly contest will be conducted and an annual award of \$25.00 will be presented to the club to the senior high school student having outstanding musical ability.

As well as being active club women, each member holds one or more church positions in addition to being busy mothers, the twenty-three members having a combined total of eighty children.